

**A DISSERTATION ON**  
**TRANSCEREBELLAR DIAMETER**  
**A NEW AND ACCURATE SONOGRAPHIC PARAMETER**  
**FOR PREDICTING GESTATIONAL AGE**

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# I ntroduction

## **INTRODUCTION**

“Research is to see what everybody else has seen and to think what nobody else has thought.”

**ALBERT GYORGYI**

Ultrasound is the primary imaging modality in obstetrics over the last three decades. Ultrasonography is a procedure which can be performed and repeated without risk to the mother or fetus. With better awareness and education, the healthcare professionals as well as the parents are interested in ensuring the best, even for the unborn child. In this era of “survival of the fittest” it is a right of every parent to know about the fetal well being. Ultrasound has become clinically and medico-ethically an important investigation in detecting intrauterine fetal anomalies and gestational age assessment.

The advent of ultrasound has allowed a more direct means of assessing fetal structures and development of various organs. In the past, gestational age has been established by a combination of the historical information and physical examination. Predictions were passed based on menstrual history, maternal sensation of fetal movement, assessment of uterine size by bimanual examination in the first trimester, initial



detection of fetal hearttones by Doppler and uterine fundal height measurement<sup>1-6</sup>.

However it has been reported that, even in best known cases the menstrual history and fundal height measurement are also fraught with error <sup>7</sup>. Timed ovulation and invitro fertilisation with known date of conception are expected to estimate the gestational age accurately. The hazards associated with the radiology have since been overcome by the use of ultrasound techniques.

Fetal biometry by ultrasound assessment has become the major method of both reassuring gestational age, growth and accuracy. In 1961, Donald and Brown described the ultrasonic technologies for determining the fetal biparietal diameter. Subsequent workers have established that this is the safest, most convenient and most accurate method of antenatal cephalometry, although biparietal diameter has been a standard parameter, fetal position occasionally affects BPD measurement. Biparietal measurement obtained in the conventional plane is altered in conditions where extrinsic pressures may deform skull like oligohydramnios, breech, multiple pregnancy and uterine anomalies.

Cerebellum is a suprasegmental portion of the brain located within the posterior cranial fossa. The fetal cerebellum can be visualized sonographically as early as 10 weeks of gestation. From the second trimester, it grows rapidly. However, as the pregnancy advances, the growth curve tends to flatten.

The cerebellum is relatively resistant to disturbances in fetal growth and cranial deformation. In the embryo, the cerebellum appears at the end of the fifth week as a swelling over-riding the fourth ventricle. By 6 weeks, the flocculonodular lobes develop, followed by bilateral growth of the hemispheres which eventually meet in the midline. The folia of the vermis begin to develop by 13 weeks and the lamellae are evident by 15 weeks paralleling the growth of the cerebellar hemispheres <sup>8</sup>.

Cerebellum is located in the posterior cranial fossa wedged between the occipital bone infero-posteriorly and dense petrous ridges laterally, it should be able to withstand deformation by extrinsic pressure (McLeary et al : 1984) including fetal malposition, breech presentation or oligohydramnios.

The transverse cerebellar diameter can better predict gestational age in cases of variations of the fetal head shape such as dolichocephaly and brachycephaly <sup>9</sup> or even when the fetus is in posterior position.

Most cases of intrauterine growth restriction showed no changes. Cerebellar diameter has become important since it is a more reliable measurement in conditions of growth restrictions (Reece et al 1987). Appearance of cerebellum also acts as a pointer for several posterior cranial fossa abnormalities.

It is imperative to understand that no single ultrasound measurement will precisely determine gestational age in every case. A number of investigators have mentioned whether a single determination is adequate to assess gestational age. Even the best prepared studies have reported a range of error in the predictive ability of one method or another to determine fetal age.

Most investigators agree that the benefits of the single determination are greatest in the second trimester. After this time the use of multiple parameters have been shown to increase efficacy. Some investigators have suggested that serial BPD measurements will improve

the accuracy of dating techniques. BPD remains a commonly measured parameter for the following reasons:

1. Improved resolution now allows defined end points of measurements and observations of intracranial landmarks.
2. A large database exist for correlating BPD with gestational age and
3. The technique is easy to apply & can be performed in most patients.

## **FETAL BIOMETRY**

After proper history taking and doing survey ( see for number, position, viability, localization of the placenta and amniotic fluid) third step is fetal biometry. It is done **to assess fetal age and “size for the age”**. Though a large number of biometric parameters have been described, the minimum parameters that must be measured are BPD/OFD/HC/AC/FL. It is also, wise to include transcerebellar diameter (TCD) in the biometric protocol <sup>10,11</sup>.

For assigning the gestational age of the fetus the following steps are followed.

1. Calculate GA and EDD by LMP
2. Calculate GA by biometric parameters
3. Decide whether the EDD is to be corrected according to biometry. This is done if there is a significant discrepancy between the menstrual age and the ultrasound age.

#### **ACCURACY OF VARIOUS FETAL BIOMETRIC ULTRASONOGRAPHIC PARAMETERS**

<b>SL. NO.</b>	<b>THE PARAMETER</b>	<b>% ACCURACY</b>
1	Biparietal diameter (BPD)	82%
2	Femur length ( FL)	88%
3	Head Circumference ( HC)	85%
4	Abdominal circumference (AC)	78%
5	Transcerebellar diameter (TCD)	92%

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The fetal cerebellum can be visualized sonographically as early as 10 weeks of gestation. From the second trimester, it grows rapidly. However, as the pregnancy advances, the growth curve tends to flatten. Observation from these studies led to the present work on transcerebellar diameter to assess fetal gestational age. In India there is an increased incidence of congenital malformations and intrauterine growth restriction, owing to consanguinous marriage and illiteracy. Assessment of fetal gestation using transcerebellar diameter also reveals congenital malformations of the posterior cranial fossa.

# Aim of the Study

The aim of the present study is

- 1) To prospectively evaluate the application and accuracy of transcerebellar diameter measurement in determining the gestational age of the fetus in second trimester in patients with known and unknown dates and
- 2) To compare it with conventional biparietal diameter and femur length.



# Review of Literature

## **REVIEW OF LITERATURE**

"Everything has been thought of before but the problem is to think of it again:

**-GOETHE**

Ultrasound is defined as the sound above the range of human hearing that is above the frequency of 20,000 Hertz - Normal human hearing frequency range is between 20 Hz - 20,000 Hz. Bats, dolphins and dogs can hear ultrasound. Bats and dolphins can produce, emit and receive back the reflected ultrasound and thereby move around in the dark without hitting into rock and trees.

## **HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

History is bunk -.but we can learn from it

**- HENRY FORD**

Ultrasound was first demonstrated by Spellanizine in 1794 on bats. Langria of France first used it for detection and destruction of submarines during first World War in 1915. It was named SONAR - Sound - Navigation and ranging. It was used to detect flaw in metals and

metallic structures like bridges, beams, etc. The first medical use was done by Dussik in 1930 for visualization of cerebral ventricles. But his technique was very crude.

**Professor Ian Donald** of Glasgow (1960) reintroduced with much modifications and he is called as the "**Father of Modern Ultrasound**". He improved the contact between ultrasound source and the patients body by placing the patient in water bath and finally by smearing the skin with oil or jelly.

He insisted on 'full bladder" technique because ultrasound transverses best through fluid medium. The fetus stands as an ideal subject for ultrasound investigation as it remains surrounded by water all the time.

Ultrasonography as a technique for determining the foetal gestational age was introduced in the nineteen fifties. In a surprisingly short span of time, development and improvisations in newer technology and research methodology has led to a mind-boggling improvement in assessment of foetal gestation. **Donald the Brown (1961)** described an ultrasonic technique for determining the foetal **biparietal diameter**.

Early limitation observed by Willocks (1963) an error incidence of 0.5 cm or more and Durkan and Rusoo (1966) - discrepancy in antenatal ultrasonic and postnatal caliper measurements of biparietal diameter to be 0.5 cm or more were further confounded by the fact that measurements could be made only on a palpable foetal head. Subsequent improvements in ultrasonography and untiring efforts of workers established a safe, convenient and accurate method of antenatal measurement of foetal parameters.

Stuart Campbell (1968) established a new method in which A scan and B scan techniques were used to overcome limitations. Further contributions and references from Donald and Adbulla (1967) and Willocks et.al (1967) brought to use the system of unidimensional A scan and Plan Position Indication (PPI) or B scan which gives a two-dimensional picture with outlines of anatomical structures.

In the seventies, Altman (1972) and Altman and Bayer (1978) studied in detail the microstructure of cerebellar system. On-going parallel studies on Cerebellum by Angaut and Brodal (1967), Brown (1949), Burne et.al. (1978), Colin (1980) and others, gained insights into cerebellar cells, circuits and networks.

Nikolo et al (1991) studied the echographic measurement of fetal transverse cerebellar diameter in the second trimester as a nonstandard method for determining the gestational age.

Campbell et al (1991) observed that the ratio of transverse cerebellar diameter and abdominal circumference is a gestational age independent parameter, and can be used to assess fetal growth.

### **TRANS CEREBELLAR DIAMETER AND POSTERIOR CRANIAL FOSSA LESIONS:**

Cerebellar anomalies were also sought and failure to demonstrate the cerebellum was considered as a clue to the presence of myelodysplasia, Arnold-Chiari malformation or Dandy-Walker cyst. Dandy and Blackfan (1914) studied the lesions associated with the posterior cranial fossa. Dandy (1921) devised a method for diagnosis and treatment of hydrocephalus due to occlusion of foramen of Magendie. Interesting clinical and anatomical findings related to atresia of foramina of Magendie and Luschka were reported by Brodal, Hanssen et. al in 1959.

Dempsey and Koch (1981) added vital informations on in-utero diagnosis of Dandy - Walker Syndrome. It was Yousefzadeh and

Naidich (1985) who correlated the ultrasound images of posterior cranial fossa with gross and myelin-stained sections of human brain. Their study illuminated the nature of structures displayed sonographically, thanks to the improvements in ultrasound. Smith, Johansson, et.al. (1986) visualised, foetal cerebellum throughout second trimester ultrasonographically and devised a technique for measuring the transverse, anteroposterior cerebellar diameters and measurement of the cisterna magna. Nomograms for these recordings showed good correlations against gestational age and narrow confidence limits for transverse cerebellar diameter. Reece, Goldstein, Pilu and Hobbins 1987, utilized these parameters in assessment of growth stress on cerebellum.

Pilu, Romero, Jeanty, Burdine and Hobbins (1987) evaluated the use of ultrasound in demonstrating the anatomy of foetal posterior cranial fossa of various gestational ages ranging from 15-40 weeks. Further verification from anatomic dissection of brains of still born premature infants, helped interpretation of ultrasound parameters obtained.

Pilu et.al (1988) further proceeded to find out decreased cerebellar size, failure to visualize cerebellum and obliterated cisterna

magna in cases of spina bifida specifically. Duchatel, Menesson and Berseneff (1989) presented a study based on ultrasound measurements for the growth of foetal cerebellum from the 17th -39th week of amenorrhoea. Regular growth of cerebellum seemed to be independent of other biometric parameters and also of the population studied.

Bronshtein et.al (1998) explained the possibility of benign, transient, isolated large fourth ventricle in early pregnancy. This is significant in diagnosing early cases of hydrocephalus.

### **TRANSCEREBELLAR DIAMETER AND LARGE FOR GESTATIONAL AGE FETUSES:**

Hill, Fries et al. (1990) evaluated the significance of transcerebellar diameter in large for gestational age fetuses. Significant over estimations in gestational age were obtained in head circumference and abdominal circumference measurements but not in transcerebellar diameter. Montenogro, Leite (1989) found it easier to obtain transcerebellar diameter than other biometric parameters even in occiput posterior positions during early months of pregnancy.

## **TRANSCEREBELLAR DIAMETER AND GENETIC DEFECTS**

Marchese, Hill et.al (1991) also studied the effect of **Trisomy 18** on transverse cerebellar diameter <sup>12</sup>. Interestingly, it was found to be decreased consistent with growth restriction and intrinsic central nervous system abnormalities.

Rotmensch et. al (1997) studied fetal cerebellar diameter in down syndrome and found that the cerebellar diameters in **Down syndrome** fetuses <sup>13</sup> were smaller than in normal controls at all gestational ages, and is sonographically recognizable in II trimester.

## **TRANSCEREBELLAR DIAMETER AND GROWTH RESTRICTION:**

Fetal cerebellar growth is unaffected by intrauterine growth restriction and transcerebellar diameter may serve as an independent and reliable correlate of gestational age against which potential deviations of growth may be compared was observed by Reece et al (1987) <sup>14,15</sup>.

Preliminary studies on cerebellum in foetuses and new born infant as a prognostic index were done by Segura, Lowenberg et.al. (1992). Guan, Chung et.al. (1992) surveyed foetal growth and foetal cerebellar



transverse diameter by ultrasound. It was found to have clinical diagnostic value in symmetric intra-uterine growth restriction and along with abdominal circumference, helped in differentiating the types of growth- restricted fetuses. It was Huang and Liu (1993) who studied the differential growth of the cerebellar vermis in normal and small-for-gestational age fetuses. New revelations in the form of reduced cerebellar vermian area has been brought to light. This was further reported only in 38-41 weeks subgroup of fetuses. Late gestational reduction of cerebellar vermis area is documented as a measure of growth restriction.

Hill et.al (1990) in his study of small for gestational age fetuses observed that the transcerebellar diameter cannot be used to assess the gestational age.

Lee et. al (1991) in his study of cerebellar growth and growth restriction observed that the transcerebellar diameter can be used to predict the gestational age in fetuses with asymmetric intrauterine growth restriction but caution is warranted when using it to predict the gestational age of fetuses affected by symmetric intrauterine growth restriction.

Meyer et.al (1994) observed in his study that the fetal transcerebellar diameter / abdominal circumference ratio is an accurate gestational age independent method of identifying the small for gestational age fetuses.

Tongsong et. al (1999) in a study of intrauterine growth restriction by fetal transverse cerebellar diameter / abdominal circumference ratio found it a useful parameter in the antenatal diagnosis of IUGR especially in pregnancy with uncertain gestational age.

## **TRANSVAGINAL STUDIES OF CEREBELLUM**

What was a nightmare was converted to reality by the studies of

Blaas, Eik, Kiserud and Hellevik in 1995, by studying the early development of the hind brain from 7-12 weeks of gestations by the introduction of a transvaginal probe. Guariglia, Rosati (1996) added to the advantage by visualising foetal growth earlier upto 4 weeks by transvaginal ultrasound, than with traditional abdominal ultrasound.

This adds to the fact that some foetal malformations can be detected earlier. Clinically proved cerebellar hypoplasia and frontal lobe shortening were studied by Persutte, Coury and Hobbins (1997).

Correlative values obtained using these parameters, is found to be a useful tool in assessing relative effect of clinical syndromes on structural neuroanatomy.

## **TRANSCEREBELLAR DIAMETER AND TWINS**

Shimizu et. al (1992) evaluated the significance of transverse cerebellar diameter in twin pregnancies and found that there was no significant difference in transverse cerebellar measurements.

- (a) Between normal singleton and twin gestations
- (b) In each twin pair
- (c) Unaffected by Chorionicity or discordancy
- (d) Predicated gestational age by transverse cerebellar diameter nomogram for singleton provided satisfactory correlation for twins. Letteieri et. al (1992) in the study of twin pregnancies and intra uterine growth restriction observed that the cerebellar growth may be affected by intrauterine growth restriction in twins.

Goldstein et. al (1995) evaluated the growth of cerebellum in normal and growth restricted fetuses of multiple gestations. Their data

confirmed the relative preservation of normal cerebellar growth in growth restricted fetuses and a similar rate of growth in singleton and multifetal gestations. The transverse cerebellar diameter represents an independent biometric parameter that can be used in both singleton and multifetal pregnancies to assess normal and deviant fetal growth.

## **VARIOUS TECHNIQUES OF SCANNING THE CEREBELLUM**

Kofinas et. al (1992) compared the fetal cerebellar measurements by two different techniques and concluded that the coronal cerebellar diameter is reproducible and accurate and can be used instead of transverse cerebellar diameter, when the latter is not obtainable because of fetal position.

Chang et. al (2000) studied the fetal cerebellar transverse diameter and cerebellar antero-posterior diameter using three dimensional ultrasound and showed that 3-D Ultrasound is superior to 2-D Ultrasound in the reproducibility test of fetal cerebellar dimension.

## **FETAL CEREBELLUM AND MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING**

The zenith of the study of fetal cerebellar development is reached with the magnetic resonance template studies of fetal cerebellar development. Chong, Babcock, Pang and Ellis (1997) defined central nervous system malformations better with high-resolution magnetic resonance imaging. The interpretations of their study is beyond the scope of the present study.

Transcerebellar diameter has also been used as a reference in studies of foetal nose width (Ben Ami, Weiner, Perlitz and Shaler 1998).

Ranzini et. al (1998) demonstrated prenatal sonographic appearance of haernorrhagic cerebellar infraction. Morphological forms and localization of microglial cells in developing human cerebellum was studied by maslinka et. al (1998).

Valuable details have been collected from rare cases - a case of acrania, associated with medulloblastoma, agenesis of cerebellum and nasoshizis at 20th gestational week by sonography (Asai et. al. 1998) and cerebellar-top-of-the- basilar syndrome, with bilateral superior cerebellar artery infarctions. Cerebellar development at

micromolecular have also been studied. Ohyu and Takashima (1998) have studied the characteristics of neuronal nitric oxide synthase immunoreactive neurons in fetal brains. The need of the hour stimulated Meng, Oka and Takashima (1999) to study the developmental expression of monocyte chemoattractant protein-I in the human cerebellum and brainstem. Studies of Nualart, Godoy, Reinicke (1999) on the expression of the hexose transporters GLUT I and GLUT 2 during early development of human brain suggested that the cerebellum of the developing brain has the capacity to transport fructose, a substrate as a source of metabolic energy in foetal brain unlike adult brain.

## **GRADING OF CEREBELLUM**

A gradual change in ultrasound appearance of the fetal cerebellum is seen with advanced gestation. Kazumasa Hashimoto et al did a study to evaluate changes in cerebellum in advanced gestation by doing ultrasound for 291 normal fetuses of 14–41 wks gestational age<sup>16-31</sup>.

### **GRADE 1 ( upto 27 wks)**

- a) each cerebellar hemisphere is round and
- b) vermis has not developed well, which make the whole cerebellar appearance that of “ pair of eye glasses” at ultrasound.
- c) the hemispheres lack echogenicity.

Thus the cerebellum appears to be two fluid filled cysts.

### **GRADE II ( 28 – 32 wks)**

- a) The vermis can be seen more prominently and appears as echogenic rectangular tissue connecting the two hemispheres, which changes the whole cerebellar appearance of a “ dumb bell” shape.
- b) each hemisphere is oval, and the central portion is more echogenic than the peduncles and the other background structures but less echogenic than vermis giving the internal portion a ground glass appearance.

### **GRADE III ( after 32 wks)**

- a) the appearance of the hemispheres changes to that of a triangular or “ fan shaped” structure.
- b) Tissues in the central portion of the hemispheres show similar echogenicity to that of the margin and the vermis giving the cerebellum more like a solid tissue than cyst.

There was a gradual and steady change in ultrasound appearance of fetal cerebellum like changes in both shape and echogenicity, appearance from an “**eye glass**” (grade I), to a “**dumb bell**” (grade II) and finally “**fan**” shape (grade III) with advancing gestation reflecting the histologic development <sup>16-31</sup> of the fetal cerebellum during pregnancy.

Figure 1. Grade I cerebellum.



Hashimoto K et al. Radiology 2001;221:70-74



**Figure 2. Grade II cerebellum.**



Hashimoto K et al. Radiology 2001;221:70-74

**Figure 3. Grade III cerebellum.**



Hashimoto K et al. Radiology 2001;221:70-74

## **BASIC PHYSICS OF ULTRASOUND**

Diagnostic ultrasound which is a non-invasive imaging modality has tremendous impact in day to day management of patients. Most obstetric and gynaecological applications employ sonic frequencies between 2 – 3 Mhz. Ultrasound is defined as frequencies of sound waves above 20,000 cycles/sec (20KHz).

Three basic factors come into play in ultrasound viz., time, distance and velocity. Diagnostic ultrasound can be studied under three headings:

- 1) Production
- 2) Propagation
- 3) Display

### **1. PRODUCTION**

Ultrasound is produced by a vibrating piezo-electric crystal. a synthetic crystal made of lead zirconate titanate is made to vibrate by applying a large voltage across the crystal. By alternately reversing the polarity and applying the voltage the crystal is made to expand and

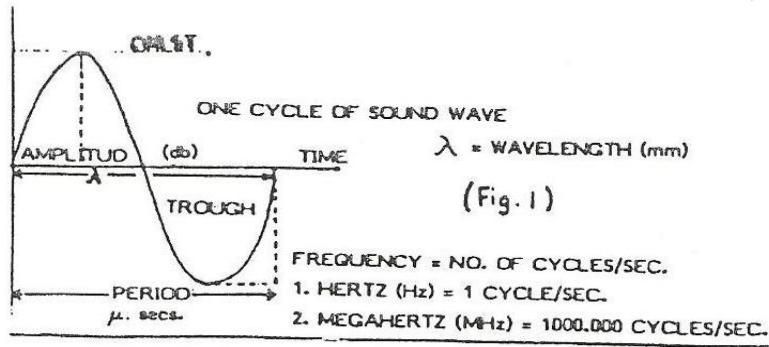
contract the vibrations of the crystal produces compression and rarefaction of the air column in front of it.

These compressions and rarefactions produce mechanical pressure waves which are the ultrasound waves.

## **INSTRUMENTATION**

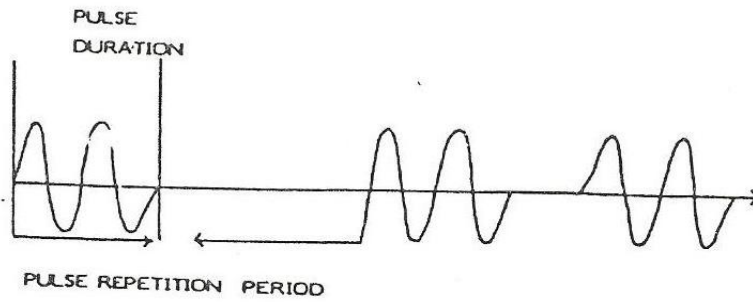
### **ULTRASONIC TECHNIQUE :**

- 1) **Pulsed echo technique** – provide the location of anatomic structure by measuring the transit time for sound to reach the structure and return to the ultrasonic detection. this is the technique applied in the equipment used in this study.
- 2) **Doppler technique** – frequency of returning echoes are analysed to determine the velocity of moving structure.
- 3) **Transmission techniques** – sound completely traversing the body is analysed for transit time, intensity, phase shift etc.

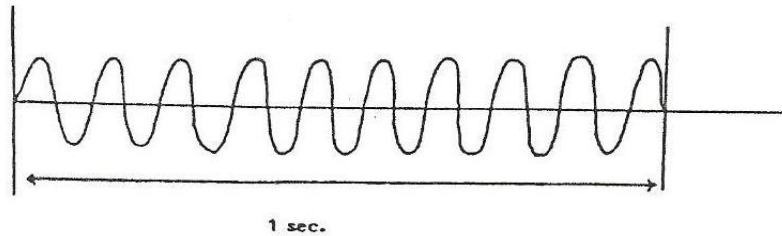


PULSED SOUND

PULSE = SHORT BURST OF SOUND WAVES  
 NO. OF PULSES/SEC. = PULSE REPETITION  
 FREQUENCY (PRF)



CONTINUOUS SOUND  
 FREQUENCY NO. OF CYCLES/SEC.



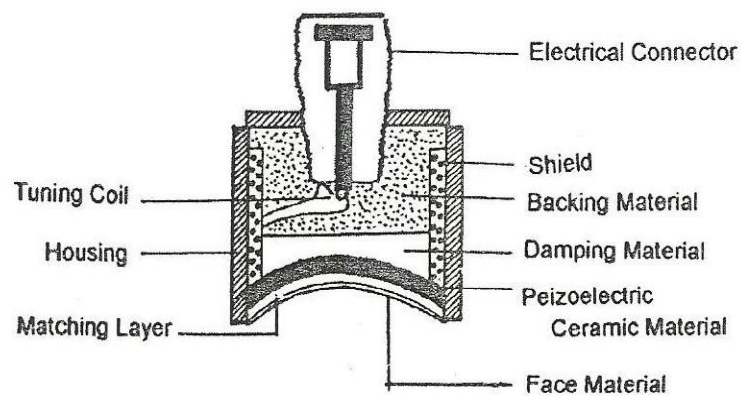
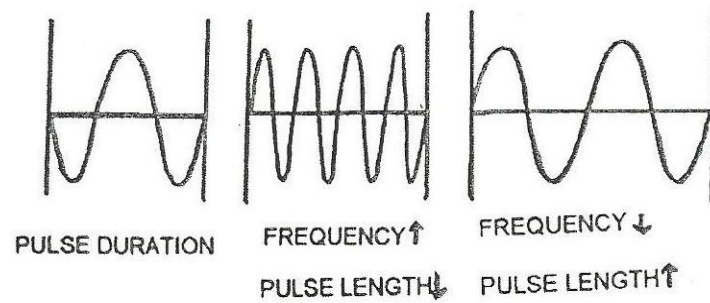
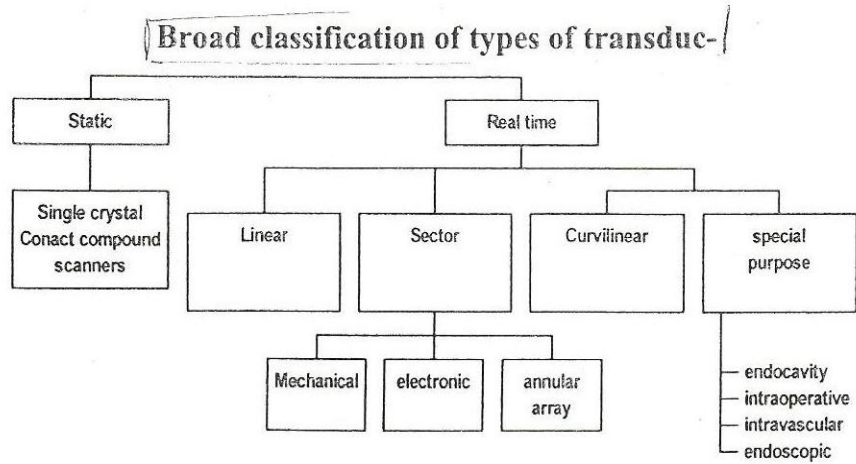
## **CONSTRUCTION OF A TRANSDUCER**

The vibrations of the piezo-electric crystal produces ultrasound waves. For pulsed ultrasound the vibrations have to be controlled which is achieved by a process known as “ damping”.

## **TRANSDUCER TYPES**

Nowadays we have transducers which can operate at different frequencies which resulted in improvement of image quality. For routine abdominal and obstetric ultrasound, a 3.5 – 5 MHz transducer is used. Low frequency transducers have better penetration with some loss of resolution and higher frequency transducers have better resolution with poorer penetration.

1. **LINEAR** – the transducer is large in size and image has a rectangular format used in general abdominal and obstetric imaging.
2. **SECTOR** – used for imaging brain through the fontanelle, cardiac imaging and for pelvic scans.
3. **CURVILINEAR** – produces a trapezoid shaped image.



**COMPONENTS OF A TRANSDUCER**

## 2. PROPAGATION

The ultrasound waves pass through tissue when the transducer, is placed on the body after applying a coupling gel. Sound waves are reflected at various tissue interfaces and these reflections return to the transducer as echoes.

## ACOUSTIC IMPEDANCE

Various tissues offer varying degrees of resistance to the passage of sound called acoustic impedance. The tissues commonly encountered in descending order of acoustic impedance are

- a) air
- b) bone
- c) fat
- d) soft tissue
- e) fluid

Reflection is of two types –

- 1) specular
- 2) non - specular

## **SCATTERING**

Occurs when the beam encounters an interface that is irregular and smaller than the sound beam.

## **REFRACTION AND DIFFRACTION**

Cause decrease in the amplitude of returning echoes due to bending of sound beam.

## **ATTENUATION**

As propagation of ultrasound occurs through tissue, the sound wave loses energy progressively. This not only occurs because of reflection but also due to absorption in the medium. The total loss of energy as sound passes through tissue is called attenuation. It depends on the frequency of the transducer and distance travelled by the sound beam.

## **RESOLUTION**

The two types are

- a) ***Detail or linear*** – considered in 2 axes, axial /longitudinal and lateral / horizontal axis.



- b) ***contrast or grey scale*** - Linear resolution – depends on the construction and frequency of the transducer. Higher the frequency, better is the axial resolution.

Contrast resolution – is the ability of the machine to depict echoes with small differences in amplitudes in different shades of grey.

### **3. DISPLAY**

The reflected echoes may be displayed on screen as a useful image. These are the modes of display.

a) A mode

b) B mode

c) M mode

The reflected echoes are depicted as dots on the screen. Every reflection produces a single dot. The brightness of the dot depends on the intensity of the reflected echo. B mode is a two dimensional mode and 2 axes are depicted in any one section.

In longitudinal sections, antero-posterior and cephalocaudal axis is displayed. In transverse sections, antero-posterior and right-left or

lateral axis is displayed on the screen which gives two dimensional images in each section. By performing both longitudinal and transverse sections, we can create a three dimensional view of the organ and this helps in the better understanding of the anatomy.

## **M MODE**

Motion display consists of B mode in which the baseline is continuously raised. Time-motion mode is a graphic representation of moving objects like the valves and the walls of the heart. M mode is very useful to study cardiac functions, as it is possible to obtain accurate measurements of the chambers and valve movements.

## **REAL TIME**

It is a visual impression of motion seen on the screen. With this we can visualize movements of pulsating aorta, heartbeats, fetal movements etc.

## **GRAY SCALING**

Refers to the depiction of echoes in various shades of gray according to the intensity of the reflected beam. It is a scale for quantification of echo signals to help in the interpretation of an US

image. The gray areas of varying intensity which are seen in between the white dots of light signify sonolucent areas. Equipments with 8, 16, 32 and 64 gray shades are available. The resolution of the image improves with increasing gray shadows.

# Materials and Methods

## **MATERIAL AND METHODS**

It is a prospective study conducted in Government RSRM Lying in Hospital attached to Stanley Medical College, Chennai between April 2010 to November 2010. A total of 204 antenatal women were included in the study belonging to second trimester. Women attending routine antenatal check up in the outpatient department and antenatal women admitted in the hospital were subjected to scan.

Those antenatal women with reliable dates as suggested by last menstrual period and clinical correlation and those with unknown dates were taken in the study. The study included both primi and multipara (15 – 24 weeks gestation) ,singleton or multipara and intrauterine growth retardation.

Mothers with gross obesity, medical complications like diabetes mellitus, hypertension, jaundice etc were excluded in this study. Foetuses with congenital anomalies and those who are not willing for study were excluded. No socio economic categorization was made.

A detailed history was elicited with special reference to the last menstrual period, its duration and amount and the regularity of the cycles. Then a thorough general, physical, systemic and obstetric examination were carried out. The women with reliable dates were scanned at Radiology department at Stanley Medical College, Chennai.

## **MACHINE**

All examinations were performed using linear array real time B scanner with a 3.5 Mhz transducer.

## **MEASUREMENT OF BIPARIETAL DIAMETER**

The first step is to understand the lie of the fetus which is done by identifying the head and spine during survey scan. The spine is the major land mark for identifying the lie of the fetus, the other anatomical parts of the body being traced in relation to the spine.

Step 1        A longitudinal section of the spine and head is taken to image the junction of the cervical spine and occiput.

Step 2        The probe is rotated transversely through 90. The coronal section of the head is imaged by this maneuver.

Step 3            The probe is made to slide forward along the parietal bone till a transverse view of the skull is obtained.

Step 4            The falx is imaged and with minimal rotatory & angulatory movements of the probe, the BPD plane identified. At this plane further adjustments of the transducer is done to obtain an oval shaped head.

The BPD plane is identified by visualizing the

- a) falx
- b) cavum septum pellucidum
- c) two triangular shaped thalami forming “**ARROW**” sign in the midline. The arrow points towards the occiput.

The biparietal diameter is the maximum diameter of the foetal skull at the level of the parietal eminences. It is measured from outer table of the proximal surface of the foetal skull to the inner table of the distal surface of the foetal skull at right angles to the midline and at the widest diameter.

## **BIPARIETAL DIAMETER MEASUREMENT**



**BPD 5.9 cm GA 23 weeks 3 days.**



## **MEASUREMENT OF TRANSVERSE CEREBELLAR DIAMETER**

The level of scanning is first obtained as for measurement of the biparietal diameter. Slight rotation of the transducer to a plane approximately 30 degrees from Reids base line demonstrated the contents of the posterior fossa. In all cases, the widest diameter of the cerebellum was measured.

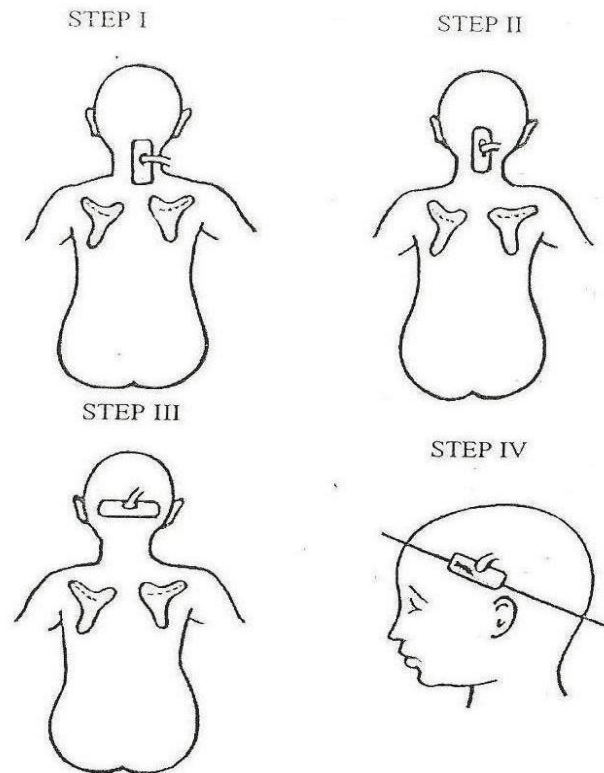
The three structures to be identified in the posterior fossa are:

- 1) Rounded cerebellar hemispheres ( dumb bell shaped)
- 2) Vermis of the cerebellum. ( there should be no space in between the cerebellar hemispheres)
- 3) Cisterna magna ( seen as a clear space between the cerebellum and the occipital bone)

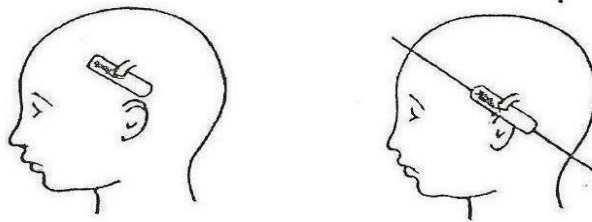
The transverse cerebellar plane imaging helps to exclude open neural defects with Arnold Chiari malformation in addition to a number of posterior fossa abnormalities. The nuchal fold thickness is measured from the occipital bone to the outer aspect of the skin at the level of the occipital bone. In the second trimester, the upper limit of

nuchal fold thickness is 6mm. those patients whose babies with posterior fossa anomalies and neural tube defects found incidentally while measuring transcerebellar diameter were excluded from the study.

#### MEASUREMENT OF BIPARIETAL DIAMETER



#### MESUREMENT OF TRANSCEREBELLAR DIAMETER



## **TRANSCEREBELLAR DIAMETER**



**TCD 23 mm GA 23 weeks**

## **MEASUREMENT OF FEMUR LENGTH**

The entire femur length need not be measured. Only the ossified portions of the diaphysis and the metaphysis are measured. The ossified portion of the femur is more visible sonographically than the nonossified ends. Nonetheless the cartilaginous ends are readily demonstrated. To obtain the measurement accurately, the transducer must be aligned to the long axis of the diaphysis.

### **RULES FOR MEASURING FEMUR LENGTH <sup>32</sup>**

- 1) align the transducer to the femur and freeze the plane that shows both the cartilaginous femoral head and distal condyle.
- 2) Place the measurement cursors at the junction of the cartilage and bone, being careful to avoid the distal femoral point.

## FEMUR LENGTH



**FL 28 mm GA 18 weeks**

# Results

## RESULTS

204 antenatal women with known and unknown dates were scanned in the present study.

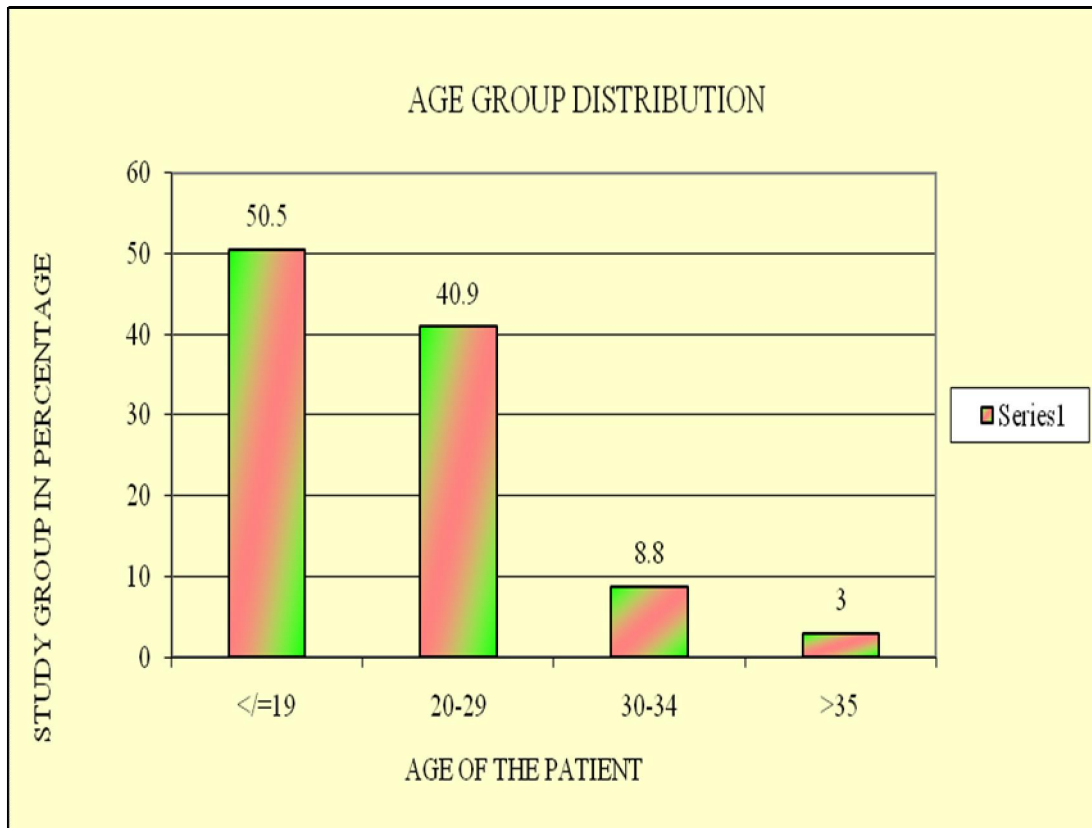
**TABLE 1**

<b>AGE OF THE PATIENTS</b>	<b>NO OF CASES</b>	<b>STUDY GP IN PERCENTAGE</b>
< / = 19 yrs	99	50.05
20 - 29	80	40.09
30-34	18	8.8
>35	7	3

The youngest patient in the present study was 18 years old and the eldest was 38 years.

**Chart – 1**

**Age Group Distribution**



Less than 19 Years	-	50.05%
20 to 29 Years	-	40.09%
30 to 34 Years	-	8.8%
More than 35 Years	-	3 %



**TABLE 2**

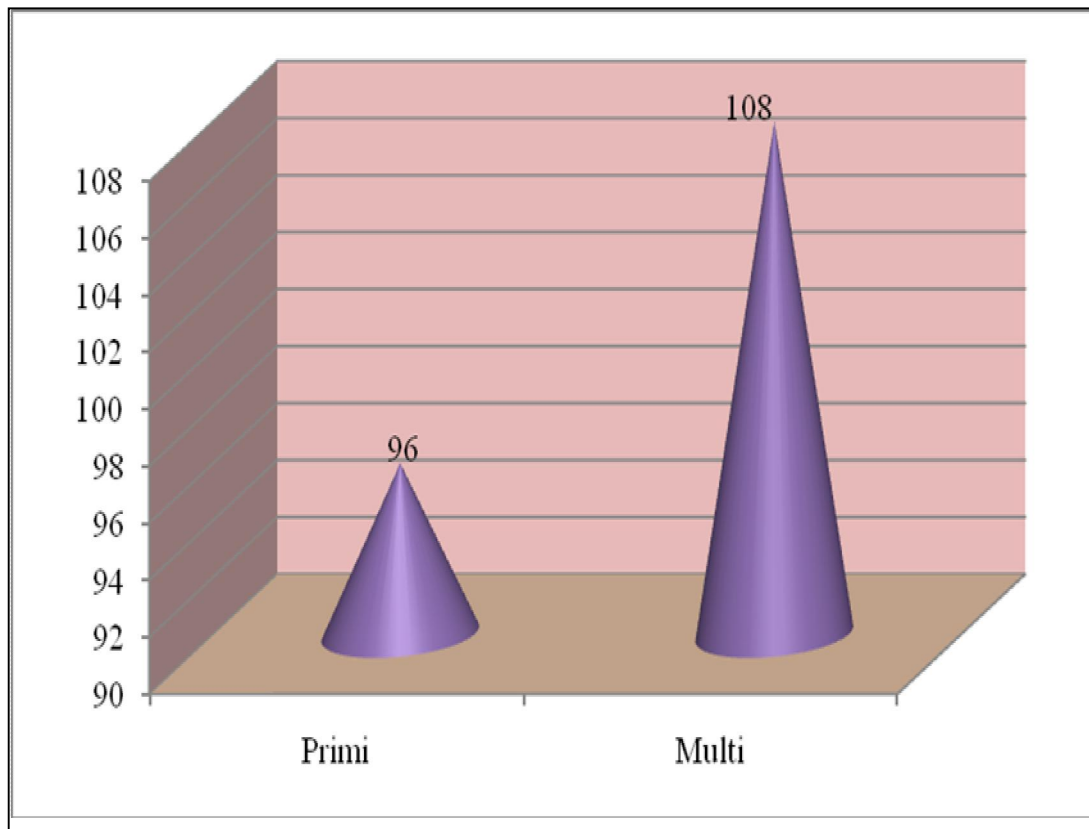
**STUDY GROUP IN RELATION TO PARITY**

<b>PARITY</b>	<b>NO OF CASES</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE</b>
PRIMI	96	47.06
MULTI	108	52.94

This table shows the percentage of Primi and Multipara of 204 Patients in our study.

**Chart – 2**

**Study Group in Relation to Parity**



Primi            47.06 %

Multi            52.94 %

**TABLE 3**

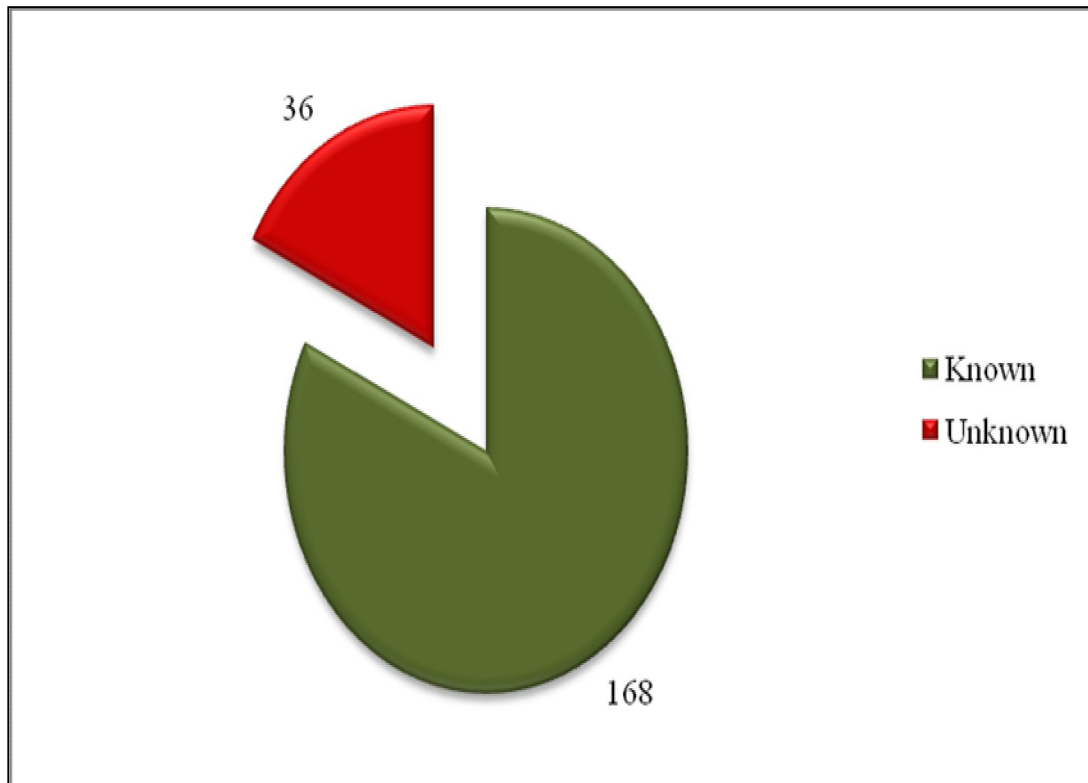
**TOTAL PATIENTS 204**

<b>LMP</b>	<b>NO OF CASES</b>	<b>STUDY GP IN PERCENTAGE</b>
Known	168	82.35
Unknown	36	17.65

There were 168 patients with reliable dates as suggested by last menstrual period, clinical and ultrasound correlation and 36 patients with unknown dates in the present study.

**Chart – 3**

**Total Patients - 204**



Known LMP - 82.35%

Unknown LMP - 17.65%

**TABLE 4**

<b>ORDER OF BABIES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE</b>
Singleton	198	97.06
Multiple gestation	6	2.94

There were 198 patients with singleton and 6 patients with multiple gestation. In our study TCD has no difference between singleton & Multiple gestation.

**TABLE 5**

<b>SEX</b>	<b>NO OF NEW BORN</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE</b>
BOY	98	48.04
GIRL	106	51.96

There was no significant difference between TCD with respect to sex of the baby.

**TABLE 6**

**TCD COMPARED WITH THE STANDARD NOMOGRAM**

<b>GA( WKS)</b>	<b>TCD(MM)</b>	<b>STANDARD NOMOGRAM (HADLOCK) (MM)</b>
15	15	14
16	16	16
17	17	17
18	18	18
19	19	19
20	20	20
21	21	22
22	23	23
23	24	24
24	24	25

The above table gives the comparison of values of TCD in mm in our study with that of standard nomogram.

**TABLE 7**  
**TRANSVERSE CEREBELLAR DIAMETER**

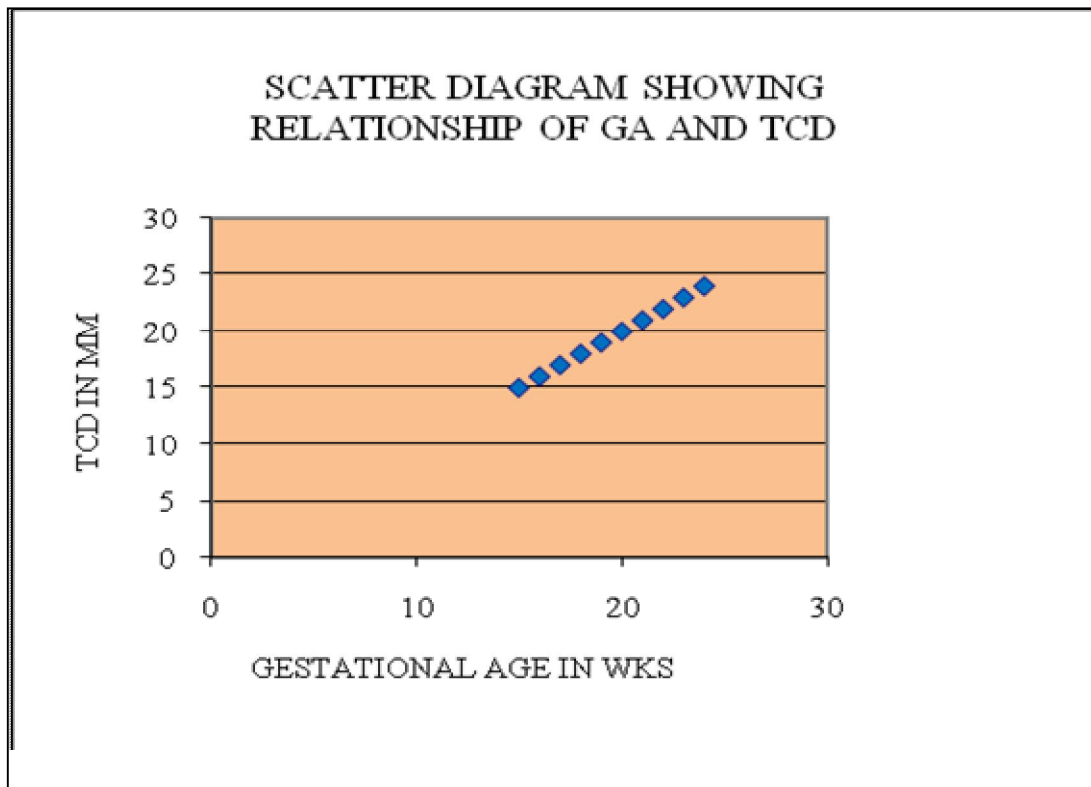
<b>GESTATIONAL AGE (weeks)</b>	<b>NO.OF PATIENTS</b>	<b>MEAN</b>	<b>STANDARD DEVIATION</b>
15	20	15.05	0.22
16	16	16.00	0.63
17	19	17.32	0.75
18	15	18.07	0.80
19	23	18.87	0.81
20	24	20.42	0.72
21	23	21.35	0.88
22	22	22.64	0.73
23	20	23.75	0.85
24	22	23.64	0.49

The above table gives mean and standard deviation of TCD for 204 patients of 15 to 24 weeks GA gestation.



**Chart – 4**

**Scatter Diagram showing the relationship of Gestational and Transcerebellar diameter.**



TCD Linearly Correlates with 15 – 24 weeks Gestational weeks

**TABLE 8**

**BPD COMPARED WITH THE STANDARD NOMOGRAM**

<b>GA (wks)</b>	<b>BPD (mm)</b>	<b>STANDARD NOMOGRAM (HAD LOCK) (mm)</b>
15	35	31
16	36	35
17	42	41
18	45	44
19	46	46
20	52	50
21	54	51
22	55	56
23	61	59
24	61	62

This table compares BPD in mm with standard nomogram for our 204 patients of 15 to 24 weeks GA.

**TABLE 9**  
**BIPARIETAL DIAMETER**

<b>GA (wks)</b>	<b>NO. OF PATIENTS</b>	<b>MEAN</b>	<b>STANDARD DEVIATION</b>
15	20	34.80	1.40
16	16	37.00	1.86
17	19	41.16	2.03
18	15	44.93	1.22
19	23	46.17	1.59
20	24	51.17	1.86
21	23	54.87	2.20
22	22	54.55	2.56
23	20	60.70	2.49
24	22	60.95	1.65

This table gives the mean and standard deviation for BPD for 204 patients of 15 to 24 weeks GA.

**TABLE 10**  
**FEMUR LENGTH FL COMPARED WITH STANDARD**  
**NOMOGRAM**

<b>GA (wks)</b>	<b>FL (mm)</b>	<b>Standard Nomogram (Hadlock) ( mm)</b>
15	20	18
16	21	21
17	24	25
18	26	28
19	30	31
20	33	34
21	36	35
22	38	39
23	39	42
24	43	44

This table compares FL in mm with the standard nomogram.

**TABLE 11**  
**FEMUR LENGTH**

<b>GA ( wks )</b>	<b>NO. OF PATIENTS</b>	<b>MEAN</b>	<b>S.D</b>
15	20	19.85	0.99
16	16	21.44	1.59
17	19	24.16	1.38
18	15	25.73	1.49
19	23	29.78	1.70
20	24	32.67	1.76
21	23	36.17	0.98
22	22	38.45	1.63
23	20	39.30	1.30
24	22	42.55	0.86

This table gives the mean and standard deviation for FL for 204 patients of 15 to 24 weeks GA.

**TABLE 12 : THE TRANSVERSE CEREBELLAR DIAMETER (TCD) DATA**

GA wks	N	This study mean	SD	SE	TCD centile			Estimated	P	MD	95% CI of mean difference	
					5	50	95				Lower limit	Upper limit
15	20	15.05	0.22	0.05	15	15	16	15	0.33	0.05	-0.05	0.15
16	16	16.00	0.63	0.16	15	16	17	16	1.0	0.00	-0.34	0.34
17	19	17.32	0.75	0.17	16	17	18	17	0.83	0.32	-0.05	0.68
18	15	18.07	0.80	0.21	16	18	19	18	0.75	0.07	-0.38	0.51
19	23	18.87	0.81	0.17	17	19	21	19	0.45	-0.13	-0.48	0.22
20	24	20.42	0.72	0.15	20	20	22	20	.009	0.42	0.11	0.72
21	23	21.35	0.88	0.18	20	21	23	22	.002	-0.65	-1.03	-0.27
22	22	22.64	0.73	0.15	22	22	24	23	.029	0.36	-1.03	-0.27
23	20	23.75	0.85	0.19	23	23	25	24	.204	-0.25	-0.65	0.15
24	22	23.64	0.49	0.10	23	24	24	25	.000	-1.36	-1.58	-1.15

T test P value < 0.001\*\* correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2 tailed).

**TABLE 13 : THE BIPARIETAL DIAMETER (BPD) DATA**

GA wks	N	This study mean	SD	SE	TCD centile			Estimated	P	MD	95% CI of mean difference	
					5	50	95				Lower limit	Upper limit
15	20	34.80	1.40	0.31	32	35	36.95	31	0.000	3.8	3.15	4.45
16	16	37.00	1.86	0.47	35	36	37	35	0.001	2.0	1.01	2.99
17	19	41.16	2.03	0.47	36	42	43	41	0.739	0.16	-0.82	1.14
18	15	44.93	1.22	0.32	43	45	46	44	0.010	0.93	0.26	1.61
19	23	46.17	1.59	0.33	44	46	48	46	0.604	0.17	-0.51	0.86
20	24	51.17	1.86	0.38	48	52	53.75	50	0.005	1.17	0.38	1.95
21	23	54.87	2.20	0.46	50.2	54	58.00	51	0.000	3.87	2.92	4.82
22	22	54.55	2.56	0.55	51	55	60	56	0.014	-1.45	-2.59	-0.32
23	20	60.70	2.49	0.56	56	61	64	59	0.007	1.7	0.53	2.87
24	22	60.95	1.65	0.35	58	61	63	62	0.007	-1.05	-1.78	-0.32

T test P value < 0.001\*\* correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2 tailed).

**TABLE 14 : THE FEMUR LENGTH (FL) IN MM DATA**

GA wks	N	This study mean	SD	SE	TCD centile			Estimated	P	MD	95% CI of mean difference	
					5	50	95				Lower limit	Upper limit
15	20	19.85	0.99	0.22	18	19	21	18	0.000	1.85	1.39	2.31
16	16	21.44	1.59	0.40	20	21	22	21	0.289	0.44	-0.41	1.28
17	19	24.16	1.38	0.32	22	25	24	25	0.016	-0.84	-1.51	-0.17
18	15	25.73	1.49	0.38	24	28	28	28	0.000	-2.27	-3.09	-1.44
19	23	29.78	1.70	0.36	28	31	33.8	311	0.002	1.22	1.95	-0.48
20	24	32.67	1.76	0.36	29	34	35	34	0.001	-1.33	-2.08	-0.59
21	23	36.17	0.98	0.21	35	38	386	35	0.000	1.17	0.75	1.60
22	22	38.45	1.63	0.35	36	38	41	39	0.130	-0.55	-1.27	0.18
23	20	39.30	1.3	0.29	38	42	42	42	0.000	-2.70	-3.31	-2.09
24	22	42.55	0.86	0.18	41	44	44	44	0.000	-1.45	-1.83	-1.07

T test P value < 0.001\*\* correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2 tailed).



**TABLE 15**  
**CORRELATION TABLE**

TCD	Pearson correlation Sig (2 tailed) N	0.96**
BPD	Pearson correlation Sig (2 tailed) N	0.95**
FL	Pearson correlation Sig (2 tailed) N	0.94**

\*\* Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2 tailed)

**TABLE 16**  
**REGRESSION EQUATIONS DERIVED FROM STUDY**  
**FOR PREDICTING TCD FROM GA**

		R <sup>2</sup> Value (%)
TCD	$-0.2630 + 1.0243 \text{ (Age)}$	93%
TCD	$-5.8763 + 1.6117 \text{ (Age)} - 0.0150 \text{ (age)}^2$	93%
TCD	$-4.2930 + 1.3418 \text{ (Age)} - 0.0001 \text{ (age)}^2 - 0.0003 \text{ (age)}^3$	93%

**TABLE 17**

**COMPARISON OF CURRENT STUDY WITH ESTABLISHED**

**TCD NOMOGRAMS BY GA**

<b>TCD 50<sup>th</sup> Percentile (mm)</b>	<b>Predicted GA (Week)</b>					
	<b>Current Study</b>	<b>Chavez</b>	<b>Goldstein</b>	<b>Altman</b>	<b>Snijders</b>	<b>Hill</b>
15	15	15	15	16	15	15
16	16	16	16	17	16	16
17	17	17	17	18	17	17
18	18	18	18	19	18	18
19	19	19	19	20	19	19
20	20	20	20	21	19	19
21	21	21	21	21	19	21
22	22	21	21	22	21	21
23	23	22	22	23	21	21
24	24	23	23	24	22	22

**This table compares the TCD value in mm of our study with studies done previously.**

# Discussion

## DISCUSSION

There were 204 patients that met inclusion criteria for this study. TCD measurements for gestational ages from 15 – 24 weeks were done. With the use of regression equation, the predicted TCD for the 5<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 95<sup>th</sup> centiles were calculated for each GA.

Regression analysis focuses on the form of the relationship between variables, while the objective of correlation analysis is to gain insight into the strength of the relationship. Coefficient of determination ( $R^2$ ) is the fraction of variability in percentage that can be explained by the variability in x through their linear relationship or vice versa. (Table 16).

Transcerebellar diameter shows linear correlation with advancing fetal age. The collected data was converted into variables and analysed. Predicted values were obtained for antenatal patients of RSRM in our study by using the regression equation. (Table 17).

### **PREDICTED TCD for 204 patients**

<b>GESTATIONAL AGE</b>	<b>TCD</b>
15	15
16	16
17	17
18	18
19	19
20	20
21	22
22	23
23	24
24	25

Sonographic sizes of the cerebellum increased linearly during the second trimester.

The difference in millimeters of our measurements for each gestational age was compared with data from other nomograms<sup>33-38</sup> (Table 18 ). Gestational age and TCD 50<sup>th</sup> percentile in mm correlated well till 24 weeks of gestation.

# Summary

## SUMMARY

204 antenatal women with reliable dates were scanned in the present study belonging to second trimester. Women attending routine antenatal check up in the outpatient department and antenatal women admitted in the hospital were subjected to scan. It is a prospective study conducted between **April 2010 to November 2010**.

Antenatal women in the present study were seen from 15 weeks onwards because it has been reported that the folia of the vermis develops by 13 weeks and the lamella are seen only after 15 weeks.

Ultrasonography plays a central role in modern obstetric practice and that ultrasonographic examination should be recommended when indicated and performed with womens' s consent. Most would agree that there are advantages to routine obstetric ultrasonographic examinations done once, at about 18 weeks.

Campbell et al established that ultrasonographic measurement of GA between 12 – 18 weeks is superior to an optimal menstrual history in predicting the date of delivery.

The American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine assessed theoretical harms in its safety assessment and concluded that **“the benefits to the patients of the prudent use of diagnostic ultrasound far outweighs any potential risk”** <sup>39</sup>.

There was a similar rate of growth in singleton and multifetal gestations. The transverse cerebellar diameter therefore represents an independent biometric parameter that can be used in both singleton and multifetal pregnancies to assess normal and deviant fetal growth <sup>40</sup>.

Chavez, M.R. et al conducted a study to construct an institution specific transverse cerebellar diameter nomogram and to compare its ability to predict GA with previously published nomograms. They suggested that institutions performing large numbers of fetal ultrasound examinations should derive TCD nomograms and perhaps nomograms for other fetal biometry for their own populations to determine the measurement standards most appropriate for clinical use. The specific TCD nomogram chosen for clinical application should be based on rigorous methods and large samples from populations that are as homogenous as possible.



The differences with other nomograms may be due to the differences in the sample size, unselected population, large number of third trimester fetuses, recent technological advancements in ultrasound and ethnic population variation. Similarity that of Goldstein may be due to similar sample size and distribution.

# Conclusion

## CONCLUSION

1. The transcerebellar diameter significantly correlates with gestational age.
2. The transcerebellar diameter is a useful biometric parameter in estimating gestational age in the second trimester.
3. The transcerebellar diameter represents an independent biometric parameter that can be used in both singleton and multifetal pregnancies to assess normal and deviant fetal growth.
4. This method helps in the compulsory visualisation of the posterior cranial fossa and the cerebellum thereby facilitating better diagnosis of open neural defects.
5. Transcerebellar diameter measurements had a similar relationship with gestational age across previously published nomograms before 28 weeks.
6. Transcerebellar diameter has high predictive accuracy compared with other parameters for assessing gestational age.

7. It is very useful if a patient with unknown dates came for first booking visit in second trimester for assessing the exact gestational age.
8. Transcerebellar diameter is reliable, cost effective and time saving.

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# Annexures



# PROFORMA

NAME:

SOCIO ECONOMIC CLASS:

PARITY:

LMP:

**MENSTRUAL HISTORY:**

OBSTETRIC HISTORY:

DATE OF QUICKENING:

O/E:-                      Ht:    Wt:    B.p:

### URINE PREGNANCY TEST:

## EARLY SCANS:

### INVESTIGATIONS:

Hb:

Urine albumin:

sugar:

Blood group & Rh typing:

**USG** – BPD :

FL :

TCD ( Transcerebellar diameter) :

## **Pearson's Correlation Coefficient**

**Pearson's correlation coefficient** is also known as Karl Pearson's correlation coefficient. Pearson's correlation coefficient is the method of measuring the correlation. This method was developed by Karl Pearson and is therefore named Pearson's correlation coefficient. Pearson's correlation coefficient is known as the best method of measuring the correlation, because it is based on the method of covariance. Pearson's correlation coefficient gives information about the degree of correlation as well as the direction of the correlation.

### **Assumptions in calculating the Pearson's correlation coefficient:**

1. **Independent of case:** In Pearson's correlation of coefficient, cases should be independent to each other.
2. **Distribution:** In Pearson's correlation coefficient, variables of the correlation should be normally distributed.
3. **Cause and effect relationship:** In Pearson's correlation coefficient, there should be a cause and effect relationship between the correlation variables.
4. **Linear relationship:** In Pearson's correlation coefficient, two variables should be linearly related to each other, or if we plot the value of variables on a scatter diagram, it should yield a straight line.

### **Properties in Pearson's correlation coefficient:**

The following are the properties of Pearson's correlation coefficient:

1. **Limit of the Pearson correlation coefficient:** Karl Pearson's correlation coefficient value lies between +1 to -1.

2. **Pure number:** Pearson's correlation coefficient is a pure number and it is independent of the unit of measurement. For example, if one variable's unit of measurement is in inches and the second variable is in quintals, even then, Pearson's correlation coefficient value does not change.
3. **Symmetric:** Pearson's correlation of the coefficient between two variables is symmetric. This means that if we calculate the Pearson's correlation coefficient between X and Y or Y and X, the value of Pearson's correlation coefficient will remain the same.

#### **Probable error and Karl Pearson's correlation coefficient:**

Probable error is used to determine the reliability of Pearson's correlation coefficient. The following formula is used to determine the value of probable error:

$$r^2 P.E. = 0.6745 \frac{1 - \sqrt{N}}{\sqrt{N}}$$

- Where:
- P.E = Probable error
- $r$  — Pearson's correlation coefficient
- N = Number of observations
- If the absolute value of Pearson's correlation coefficient is greater than 6 times probable error, then the Pearson's correlation-coefficient is taken to be significant. If the absolute value of Pearson's correlation coefficient is less than 6 times probable error, then the correlation coefficient will be insignificant.

## **DEGREE OF CORRELATION:**

1. **Perfect correlation:** If Pearson's correlation coefficient value is near  $\pm 1$ , then it is said to be a perfect correlation.
2. **High degree of correlation:** If Pearson's correlation coefficient value lies between  $\pm 0.75$  and  $\pm 1$ , then it is said to be a high degree of correlation.
3. **Moderate degree of correlation:** If Pearson's correlation coefficient value lies between  $\pm 0.25$  and  $\pm 0.75$ , then it is said to be moderate degree of correlation.
4. **Low degree of correlation:** When Pearson's correlation coefficient value lies between 0 and  $\pm 0.25$ , then it is said to be a low degree of correlation.
5. **No correlation:** When Pearson's correlation coefficient value lies around zero, then there is no correlation.

## **ABBREVIATIONS**

1.	GA	-	Gestational age
2.	BPD	-	Biparietal diameter
3.	FL	-	Femur length
4.	AC	-	Abdominal circumference
5.	HC	-	Head circumference
6.	TCD	-	Transcerebellar diameter
7.	IUGR	-	Intra uterine growth retardation
8.	SGA	-	Small for gestational age
9.	LGA	-	Large for gestational age
10.	MHz	-	Mega hertz
11.	LMP	-	Last Menstrual period
12.	EDD	-	Expected Date of Delivery
13.	SD	-	Standard Deviation
14.	SE	-	Standard Error
15.	MD	-	Mean Difference
16.	CI	-	Confidence Interval

# Master Chart

## MASTER CHART

Sl. No.	Name	Age	Gravida	LMP	EDD	BPD (mm)	FL (mm)	TCD (mm)	GA wks
1	Asiya	18	primi	2/02/10	7/11/10	37	19	15	15
2	Banu	18	primi	4/02/10	9/11/10	35	21	15	15
3	Meharunisha	18	Primi	6/2/10	11/11/10	32	18	15	15
4	Veeramani	18	G2A1	Unknown		33	18	15	15
5	Ponnammal	18	G2P1L1	8/2/10	13/11/10	34	19	15	15
6	Mahazebir	18	G2P1L1	Unknown		35	20	15	15
7	Latha	18	G2A1	20/02/10	25/11/10	36	21	15	15
8	Jeyalakshmi	18	G2P1L1	Unknown		32	20	15	15
9	Kanimozhi	18	G2A1	25/02/10	30/11/10	33	20	15	15
10	Nirmala	18	G2A1	26/02/10	01/12/10	34	20	15	15
11	Kalaraja	30	G2P1L1	28/02/10	03/12/10	35	19	15	15
12	Ranganayaki	30	G2A1	06/03/10	13/12/10	36	19	15	15
13	Latha	30	G2P1L1	09/03/10	16/12/10	35	20	15	15
14	Uma	20	Primi	12/03/10	19/12/10	36	21	15	15
15	Uleera begum	21	Primi	15/03/10	22/12/10	36	19	16	15
16	Hemamalini	20	Primi	18/03/10	25/12/10	35	20	15	15
17	Kutty	25	Primi	20/03/10	27/12/10	35	21	15	15
18	Sathapriya	27	Primi	20/03/10	27/12/10	36	20	14	15
19	Banu	23	Primi	25/03/10	02/01/11	36	21	15	15
20	Meena	24	Primi	26/03/10	03/01/11	35	21	15	15
21	Amudha	19	G2P1L1	Unknown		38	21	17	16
22	Kalairani	19	G2P1L1	28/03/10	05/01/11	36	21	15	16
23	Ramani	19	G2P1L1	30/03/10	07/01/11	35	24	17	16
24	Premavathy	19	G2P1L1	02/03/10	10/01/11	35	20	17	16
25	Geetha	30	G2P1L1	18/01/10	25/10/10	40	21	16	16
26	Swarnalakshmi	30	G2A1	19/01/10	26/10/10	36	24	16	16

27	Ayesha	30	G2P1L1	22/01/10	29/10/10	36	21	16	16
28	Parvathy	19	G2A1	25/01/10	01/11/10	38	24	16	16
29	Rajalakshmi	19	G2A1	Unknown		40	20	16	16
30	Habeebunis ha	19	G2P1L1	30/01/10	06/11/10	35	24	15	16
31	Kala	23	Primi	31/01/10	07/11/10	35	21	16	16
32	Vijayalaksh mi	24	Primi	03/02/10	10/11/10	36	21	16	16
33	Kalaiselvi	25	Primi	08/02/10	15/11/10	38	20	16	16
34	Eswari	24	Primi	Unknown		38	20	15	16
35	Kalyani	26	primi	06/03/10	13/12/10	40	20	16	16
36	Anu	30	G2P1L1	28/01/10	04/11/10	36	21	16	16
37	Hema	18	Primi	06/04/10	13/01/11	40	24	18	17
38	Buela	18	Primi	08/04/10	15/01/10	42	24	18	17
39	Saritha	18	Primi	11/02/10	18/11/10	40	22	16	17
40	Latha	18	Primi	06/03/10	13/12/10	40	25	17	17
41	Pappu	18	Primi	07/02/10	14/11/10	42	25	19	17
42	Agasthya	18	G2P1L1	Unknown		44	24	17	17
43	Eswari	18	G2A1	28/01/10	04/11/10	42	22	17	17
44	Selvi	18	G2P1L1	10/04/10	17/01/11	40	26	18	17
45	Tamilarasi	18	G2P1L1	12/04/10	19/01/10	42	26	18	17
46	Chithra	18	G2P1L1	16/03/10	23/12/10	42	24	18	17
47	Muniammal	18	G2A1	06/04/10	13/01/11	42	24	17	17
48	Sasikala	23	G2A1	25/01/10	01/11/10	44	25	17	17
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51	Kamatchi	28	G2P1L1	24/01/10	29/11/10	38	22	17	17
52	Ramani	29	G2A1	Unknown		36	22	16	17
53	Wahitha	26	G2P1L1	07/04/10	14/01/11	40	24	17	17
54	Chithra	25	G3P1L1A 1	09/04/10	16/01/11	44	26	18	17
55	Ramalaksh mi	27	G2P1L1	05/04/10	12/01/11	42	24	17	17
56	Rajeshwari	18	Primi	08/02/10	15/11/10	45	27	19	18
57	Bhuvana	18	primi	10/02/10	17/11/10	47	26	18	18



58	Meenakshi	18	Primi	01/04/10	08/01/11	44	24	18	18
59	Meena	18	Primi	Unknown		43	29	18	18
60	Padma	18	Primi	25/01/10	01/11/10	44	27	18	18
61	Gayathri	28	G2A1	28/01/10	04/11/10	44	26	17	18
62	Usha	27	G2A1	Unknown		45	27	18	18
63	Sujatha	31	G2P1L1	18/01/10	25/11/10	45	24	19	18
64	neethu	31	G3P1L1A 1	24/02/10	03/11/10	47	24	18	18
65	Sarala	31	G2P1L1	Unknown		45	24	18	18
66	Bharathy	27	G2A1	28/04/10	08/03/11	44	26	18	18
67	Rajakumari	25	Primi	29/05/10	08/03/01	44	26	19	18
68	Sulochana	25	Primi	30/05/10	09/03/11	45	26	19	18
69	Latha	29	Primi	28/04/10	05/01/11	47	24	18	18
70	Manjula	28	Primi	Unknown		45	26	18	18
71	Devi	18	Primi	02/03/10	09/12/10	48	34	20	19
72	Chandra	18	Primi	19/12/10	26/09/10	44	30	19	19
73	Sujatha	18	Priimi	13/01/10	20/10/10	47	29	20	19
74	Selvi	18	G2A1	26/12/10	03/10/10	46	33	19	19
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76	Zuliha	18	G2P1L1	Unknown		44	29	21	19
77	Priya	28	G2P1L1	28/01/10	04/11/10	45	31	17	19
78	Priya	18	G2A1	30/01/10	06/11/10	48	31	18	19
79	Tahira	29	G2P1L1	20/02/10	25/11/10	44	31	19	19
80	Rajalakshmi	28	G2P1L1	22/02/10	27/11/10	46	28	19	19
81	Padmini	29	G2A1	07/02/10	14/11/10	48	29	19	19
82	Sundari	28	Primi	09/02/10	16/11/10	44	28	19	19
83	Shameem	29	Primi	10/02/10	17/11/10	48	29	18	19
84	Leena	28	Primi	13/02/10	20/11/10	47	29	19	19
85	Ramani	25	Primi	15/02/10	22/11/10	46	29	19	19
86	Priya	28	Primi	Unknown		48	28	19	19
87	Vimala	25	Primi	18/02/10	25/11/10	44	28	19	19
88	Vanaja	29	Primi	15/05/10	22/02/11	46	30	18	19
89	Anitha	28	Primi	09/01/10	16/10/10	46	30	18	19

90	Prabha	29	Primi	09/01/10	16/10/10	46	30	18	19
91	Veerama	28	Primi	24/01/10	31/10/10	47	28	19	19
92	Malathi	26	Primi	12/02/10	19/11/10	48	29	19	19
93	Mohana	27	G2P1L1	<b>Unknown</b>		46	33	19	19
94	Rani	18	Primi	07/02/10	14/11/10	48	33	20	20
95	Geetha	18	Primi	19/02/10	26/11/10	50	32	20	20
96	Sudha	18	Primi	20/02/10	27/11/10	52	32	20	20
97	Ranju	18	Primi	<b>Unknown</b>		53	32	18	20
98	Vaishnavi	18	Primi	09/01/10	16/10/10	49	33	20	20
99	Rajeshwari	18	Primi	20/01/10	27/10/10	48	32	20	20
100	Vanitha	18	Primi	22/01/10	29/10/10	52	29	20	20
101	Jeya	18	Primi	24/01/10	31/10/10	51	34	22	20
102	Julie	18	Primi	12/02/10	19/11/10	53	35	20	20
103	Lalitha	18	Primi	<b>Unknown</b>		54	34	20	20
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105	Sheela	28	G2P1L1	21/02/10	28/11/10	52	33	20	20
106	Kala	29	G2P1L1	24/01/10	19/10/10	53	29	22	20
107	Sharmila	29	G2P1L1	26/01/10	21/10/10	51	32	20	20
108	Rajeshwari	28	G2P1L1	04/01/10	11/10/10	51	36	21	20
109	Girija	28	G3P1L1A 1	06/01/10	13/10/10	52	37	21	20
110	Muniammal	27	G2A1	<b>Unknown</b>		52	37	22	20
111	Jannath	25	G2P1L1	<b>Unknown</b>		50	35	20	20
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113	Muthulaksh mi	26	GIP1L1	20/03/10	27/12/10	49	35	21	20
114	Basanthi	27	Primi	09/01/10	16/10/10	49	33	21	20
115	Jeyanthi	26	Primi	04/01/10	11/10/10	48	34	20	20
116	Padmasri	26	Primi	05/01/10	12/10/10	52	32	22	20
117	Sivagami	27	Primi	18/03/10	25/12/10	53	29	20	20
118	Lalitha	19	Primi	20/03/10	27/12/10	56	36	21	21
119	Sarala	19	Primi	03/05/10	10/02/11	57	37	21	21
120	Sultana	20	Primi	<b>Unknown</b>		53	37	22	21
121	Subha	23	Primi	20/01/10	27/10/10	51	36	21	21

122	Shanthi	24	Primi	21/01/10	28/10/10	54	35	20	21
123	Gowri	25	Primi	23/10/10	30/10/10	56	35	21	21
124	Selvi	19	Primi	08/02/10	15/11/10	58	35	22	21
125	Thamaraiselvi	34	G2P1L1	10/02/10	17/11/10	54	37	19	21
126	Sankari	34	G2P1L1	09/02/10	16/11/10	53	36	22	21
127	Uma	19	G2A1	Unknown		53	36	21	21
128	Kala	19	G2P1L1	18/02/10	25/11/10	54	36	22	21
129	Logambal	20	G2A1	20/02/10	27/11/10	57	35	22	21
130	Rajeshwari	25	Primi	Unknown		58	35	21	21
131	Dhanakodi	21	Primi	25/10/10	01/11/10	54	36	23	21
132	Vanaja	25	Primi	27/10/10	03/11/10	56	36	22	21
133	Merlin	26	Primi	28/10/10	04/11/10	56	39	22	21
134	Nirmala	27	Primi	Unknown		53	37	21	21
135	Vijaya	26	Primi	02/03/10	09/12/10	54	36	22	21
136	Munilakshmi	26	Primi	04/03/10	11/12/10	56	37	23	21
137	Gowri	25	Primi	28/01/10	05/10/10	54	36	20	21
138	Deviselvam	26	Primi	22/01/10	29/10/10	58	37	18	21
139	Nagarathina m	28	Primi	24/01/10	31/10/10	57	37	21	21
140	Jeyalakshmi	28	Primi	26/01/10	02/11/10	56	39	22	21
141	Elizebeth	18	G3P1L1A1	Unknown		51	39	22	22
142	Vijaya	18	G2P1L1	24/02/10	01/12/10	55	36	24	22
143	Chihra	18	G2P1L1	17/01/10	24/10/10	57	39	22	22
144	Kalavathy	18	G2P1L1	19/01/10	26/10/10	53	38	23	22
145	Mala	18	G2A1	29/01/10	06/10/10	52	36	23	22
146	selvi	18	G3P1L1A1	18/04/10	25/01/11	55	36	23	22
147	Anandalaxmi	18	G3P1L1A1	unknown		60	41	24	22
148	Bhuvana	18	G2P1L1	07/01/10	25/01/11	51	40	23	22
149	Malliga	18	Primi	09/01/10	27/01/11	53	38	22	22
150	Poongulali	18	Primi	10/01/10	28/10/11	53	38	23	22
151	Poongodi	27	Primi	29/12/10	06/10/11	53	36	22	22

152	Clara	28	Primi	30/12/09	07/10/10	56	36	23	22
153	Sahedabegum	32	Primi	31/12/09	08/10/10	55	39	23	22
154	Rani	31	Primi	01/01/10	09/10/10	53	40	24	22
155	Amudha	30	Primi	15/12/09	22/09/10	51	40	23	22
156	Zenifer	31	G2P1L1	03/03/10	10/12/10	55	38	23	22
157	Meera	32	G3P1L1A 1	29/12/09	06/10/10	53	39	24	22
158	Lakshmi	33	G2P1L1	10/01/10	17/10/10	60	38	22	22
159	Prabavathy	32	G3P1L1A 1	18/04/10	25/01/11	56	41	22	22
160	Neelavathy	31	G2P1L1	20/04/10	27/01/11	56	40	23	22
161	Usha sekar	30	G2P1L1	14/01/10	21/10/10	57	39	22	22
162	Chithra	37	G2A1	16/01/10	23/10/10	55	39	22	22
163	Revathy	18	Primi	18/01/10	25/10/10	64	41	24	23
164	Maria	18	Primi	10/01/10	17/10/10	63	39	24	23
165	Megalamani	18	Primi	Unknown		63	39	24	23
166	Sathyabama	18	G3P1L1A 1	28/12/09	04/10/10	64	38	24	23
167	Mariammal	18	G2A1	30/12/09	06/10/10	63	38	23	23
168	Sudha	18	G2P1L1	10/01/10	17/10/10	58	40	25	23
169	Indira	18	G3P1L1A 1	12/01/10	19/10/10	57	38	23	23
170	Pushpa	31	G2A1	20/01/10	27/10/10	58	40	25	23
171	Devi	30	G2P1L1	Unknown		56	38	23	23
172	Latha	31	G2P1L1	22/01/10	29/10/10	58	39	24	23
173	Nandhini	30	Primi	03/12/10	10/09/10	59	38	23	23
174	Amudha	32	Primi	03/01/10	10/10/10	60	40	19	23
175	katheeja	33	Primi	05/01/10	12/10/10	63	40	18	23
176	Nirmala	32	Primi	28/11/09	04/09/10	60	42	25	23
177	Nagarani(TW INS)	38	G2P1L1	30/11/09	06/09/10	62	38	25	23
178	Nagammal	31	Primi	29/11/09	05/09/10	60	39	25	23
179	Sridevi	27	G3P1L1A 1	Unknown		63	38	23	23
180	Selvi	26	G2A1	06/01/09	13/09/10	62	39	23	23

181	Usha( <b>TWIN S</b> )	28	G2A1	28/11/09	04/09/10	62	40	23	23
182	Sailaxmi	27	G2A1	22/01/10	29/10/10	59	42	23	23
183	Dhanam	37	G3P1L1A 1	02/01/10	09/10/10	61	44	23	24
184	Panchu	25	G2P1L1	Unknown		62	41	23	24
185	Zuleka bee	24	G2P1L1	04/02/10	11/11/10	62	42	22	24
186	Poongodi	18	G2A1	14/02/10	21/11/10	62	43	23	24
187	Vijayalaksh mi	18	G2P1L1	15/02/10	22/11/10	62	43	22	24
188	Thilagam	18	G3P1L1A 1	02/01/10	09/10/10	61	43	24	24
189	Kannagi( <b>TWIN S</b> )	26	G2P1L1	04/01/10	11/10/10	58	42	24	24
190	Abitha	37	G2P1L1	Unknown		63	42	23	24
191	Jeyanthi	25	Primi	05/02/10	12/11/10	63	43	24	24
192	Malliga	26	Primi	06/03/10	13/12/10	63	43	24	24
193	Shamshath	36	Primi	09/03/10	16/12/10	62	42	24	24
194	Saraswathi	29	G2P1L1	09/03/10	16/12/10	60	42	24	24
195	Kamala	36	G2A1	Unknown		60	44	24	24
196	Vasanthi( <b>TWIN S</b> )	28	G2P1L1	16/04/10	23/01/11	58	44	24	24
197	Selvarani	28	G2A1	18/04/10	25/01/11	58	42	24	24
198	Mala	36	G2P1L1	18/04/10	25/01/11	59	42	23	24
199	Rosemary	18	Primi	11/02/10	18/11/10	60	43	24	24
200	Geetha	18	Primi	12/02/10	19/11/10	61	43	24	24
201	Lakshmi	18	Primi	16/02/10	23/11/10	61	42	24	24
202	Seetha	26	G2P1L1	20/02/10	27/11/10	62	42	24	24
203	Laxmi( <b>TWIN S</b> )	35	G2P1L1	Unknown		63	43	23	24
204	Gowri	25	G2P1L1	16/12/09	23/01/11	60	41	24	24